



Superintendent Brad Ebel

Corrections Division



ADMINISTRATION

The Jail Facility

The Ulster County Jail is of linear design constructed in 1970 to house 154 inmates. The design capacity proved sufficient until 1986 when inmate populations throughout the state of New York and Ulster County began to reach record levels. Since that time the facility has undergone several renovations to increase the inmate capacity of the jail. As a result of those renovations and variances granted by the New York State Commission of Corrections (NYSCOC) the maximum facility capacity (MFC) increased to 185. In 1998, overcrowding continued at the Ulster County Jail and the County of Ulster leased a sixty-bed unit to alleviate overcrowding. This lease increased the usable inmate bed space to 281. In 2003, the Ulster County Sheriff's Office contracted Correctional Medical Care Incorporated (CMC Inc.) as the vendor to provide 24 hour medical care to the inmate population 7 days a week. In order to enhance medical and mental health services for the inmate population, additional space was provided to store inmate medical

and mental health records. The creation of this additional storage space was accomplished by converting a four bed housing area. The conversion reduced the MFC to 181. The combination of permanent housing and the variances granted by NYSCOC, equates to 277 usable inmate beds.

Daily Population

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office continues to deal with inmate overcrowding at the Ulster County Jail. This year, the growing excess jail population created additional work for the correctional staff. The Community Corrections Program (CCP), Ulster County Public Defenders Office, and alternative sentencing programs collectively work at maintaining the inmate population at a manageable level.

The 2006 high count of 288 occurred on February 6th and the low count of 248 occurred on December 1st. The overall daily population averaged 263 in 2006. Once more, the female population remained high, averaging 29 per day. This figure is above the rated capacity of 22 females' inmates.

With the daily inmate population averages rising above 260, it again became necessary to request extensions for the existing variances in order to house inmates in the facility's male rec. room, female rec. room, and the dormitory. Even with the variances, the overcrowding conditions continued, causing inmates to be boarded out as in the past, particularly females.

In 2006 the Correction Division boarded out a total of 8,689 inmate days, costing the county \$85 to \$125 per day, per inmate. The total unanticipated expenditures for boarding out were \$672,840, a decrease of approximately 37%. This figure does not include salaries for transporting officers, gas, tolls, vehicle depreciation, or inmate clothing.

Revenues

Billing to New York State for reimbursement for the housing of state prisoners, parole violators and Coram Nobis prisoners totaled approximately \$365,135 for FY'06. This is a 10% increase from the previous year and is directly attributed to parole violators spending more time in the facility between their violation and their final hearing. Reimbursement from DOCS for travel totaled \$15,929. Actual Reimbursement to Ulster County's General Fund by New York State in 2006 is unknown at this time, but historically is delayed many months after billings are submitted.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office and Social Security Administration have worked together since 1999 on the Incentive Payment Agreement. This agreement exists with the Ulster County Jail providing inmate information to Social Security whereas Social Security then, if applicable, suspends benefit payments to the people incarcerated. The amount of payment is determined by Social Security receiving the report within 30 days after the date of confinement begins. In this case \$400.00 would be applied per inmate.

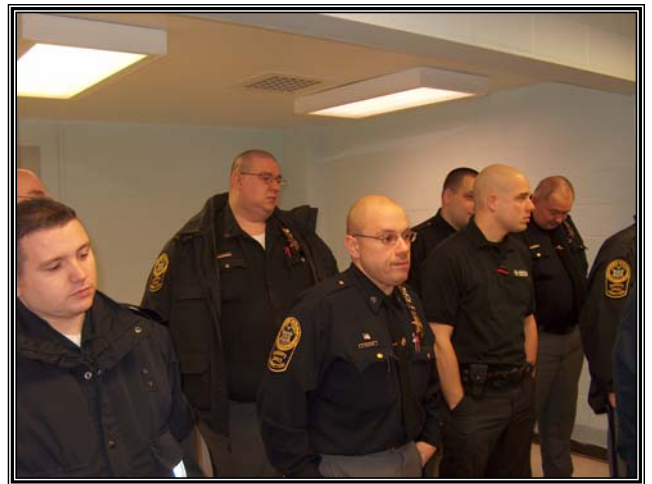
If the report is received after 30 days, but within 90 days of confinement, \$200.00 would be received. The UC Treasurer's General Fund received \$20,800.00 from the Social Security Incentive Program for FY'06. This is a 5% increase from 2005.



Officer Vincent Martelli manning a post assignment and SERT Officer Tracy Patterson on roving rounds.

Bails and Fines

The Correction Division processed 736 bail postings and 3 fines. Total monies that were received by the facility were \$1,481,489 in bails and \$1,370 in fines. We also allow individuals to post bail using credit cards. In 2006 a total of 189 bails were posted by credit card amounting to \$428,292. The individuals that were incarcerated continue to represent a population with major substance abuse, communicable diseases and violent criminal histories. This type of population spends more sentenced time in jail and requires more direct supervision by officers. Many of the inmates represented by this type of population are recidivists.



Colonel Bradford Ebel addressing B-line during shift briefing

Variances

The following is a breakdown of facility housing at Golden Hill. This includes the Maximum Facility Capacity (MFC), variance capacity (variances were needed at that jail to house inmates in space not designed for the purpose) , and a combination of both. Also included are variance locations and expiration dates.

FACILITY HOUSING BREAKDOWN:

156 REGULAR HOUSING

25 NEW DORMITORIES

181 PERMANENT HOUSING *MFC

60 MALE (MODULAR UNIT) *TEMPORARY HOUSING

19 MALE (REC/ROOM) #92-V-31 EXPIRED 04/01/2007

7 DORMITORY #94-V-18 EXPIRED 04/01/2007

10 FEMALES (REC/ROOM) #95-V-03 EXPIRED 04/01/2007

96 TEMPORARY HOUSING

277 TOTAL BEDS AVAILABLE

Accreditation Medical

The National Commission of Correction Health Care Standards attained accreditation in 2006 in the Ulster County Jail's medical department. Correction staff worked closely with Correction Medical Care (CMC) to maintain this accreditation for the last 15 years.

N.Y.S. Commission of Correction

The N.Y.S Commission of Correction conducted periodic inspections during 2006 as well as a cycle 3 review from on July 31st thru August 2nd. Commission Staff attended several meeting with the transition team and worked closely with them developing new policy and procedures for the new law enforcement center.

The facility met all of the requirements to maintain the accreditation by the N.Y.S. Sheriff's Association.

Facility Construction Projects

There are no projects underway at the current facility.

Even though the total bed capacity including the variances is 277, they can only be filled under optimum conditions. Classification is based upon sex, security level, type of crime, age and the total number of inmates incarcerated determines how many beds can be filled before boarding out begins. Until occupancy of the new facility, variances will be reviewed bi-annually.



Officer John Lerchenmueller and Douglas Freeman on assignment.

INMATE RECORDS

Reception, Intake & Classification

The Ulster County Jail's intake / Classification Unit processed 2,344 initial classification screenings for the FY'06. Classification is based on criminal history, propensity for victimization, history of medical / mental illness, history of sex offenses, history of hostile relationships with other inmates, prior attempts at self injury or suicide, prior escapes or attempted escapes, attitude and behavior during present and prior incarcerations including any history of assaultive behavior during incarceration, and any other information which may affect the safety and welfare of staff or other inmates. 1,008 re-classifications were also processed. Reclassification occurs if an inmate causes a disturbance, violates a rule or law, or is found guilty in the disciplinary process. It can also change when an inmate exhibits good behavior and follows the rules and regulations of the facility.





Intake Supervisor Corporal Robert Johnson and Classification Officer Michael Coughlin

A total of 2,344 inmates were processed through the Ulster County Jail in 2006. The breakdown is as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Non-Sentenced	1,641	354	1,995
Sentenced (Definite)	163	28	191
Other	142	16	158
TOTAL	1,946	398	2,344

Victim Notification (VINE)

The National Victim Notification Network, VINE allows crime victims across the country to obtain timely and reliable information about criminal cases and the custody status of offenders 24 hours a day - over the telephone, through the Internet, or via e-mail.

The Ulster County Sheriff's Office has continued to participate in the statewide victim notification program by calling 1-800-VINE-NY. In the FY'06, the Ulster County Jail made 1,756 notifications to victims. This is a 57% increase than last year. Additionally, 71 new victims requested notification.



Left: Officer Anthony Maggio Right: Officer Donald Ostrander

Computerization Update

The Correction Division has been working with the New World Systems (NWS) since July, 2004. NWS provides tailored reports for the Commission of Correction and in house statistics. Additionally, it will enable other police agencies to interface with our inmates and arrest records. In 2006, 4,015 NYSPIN inquiries were made such as criminal histories Type-1, (name searches) and Type 3 (actual rap sheet), daily population for state counts, parole, state ready, File 25 Administrative messages (Fugitive Notification) and miscellaneous messages. We currently have 28 officers NYSPIN certified for basic operations; of those 22 are CCH certified, 4 DAT certified and 4 NYSPIN agency only instructors.

FACILITY OPERATIONS

Facility Reports

INMATE HEARINGS

The Ulster County Jail disciplinary hearing panel reviewed 1,539 hearings. Even with a more violent type of offender being incarcerated, the number of infractions decreased another 4%, which is attributed to active intervention by our Correction Officers. Several years ago the NYS Minimum Standard Section 7006 was amended to allow the county to place a surcharge on any inmate that is found guilty at a disciplinary hearing. A total of \$1,532.00 in surcharges from inmates was received for the FY'06.

Hearings were ranked and placed in the following categories:

CATEGORY	2004	2005	2006
Failure to comply	362	349	343
Assaults on other inmates	143	96	138
Assaults on staff	5	5	5
Contraband	101	61	64
Smoking	23	16	18
Destruction of property	16	12	8
Disorderly conduct	271	327	249
Abusive language or threats	249	252	237
Miscellaneous	461	379	389
Throwing Liquids	78	94	88
Totals	1,709	1,591	1,539

SPECIAL UNITS

SECURITY RISK GROUP – GANG UNIT

Street gangs have been around for centuries. In the past, most gang activity was limited to the delinquent behavior of neighborhood cliques. However, today gangs often engage in high-stakes narcotics, weapons trafficking, robberies and other serious and violent crimes. There are approximately 7,400 individual gangs in the U.S. Gangs can be found in all major cities, not only in inner cities but in “edge cities” and suburbs as well.



In an effort to combat this growing gang presence, the Gang Intelligence Unit gathers and validates information regarding individuals identified as members of Security Risk Groups (SRG). The Ulster County Sheriff's Office Gang Intelligence Unit works closely with the Ulster County Sheriff's Office Detective and Narcotics Units.

Upon admission, inmates are assessed based on: self-admission, tattoos, clothing colors, beads, and hand signs. With the gathered information, the Gang Intelligence Unit can evaluate and analyze ways that provide decisions about housing and transporting inmates. The individuals' propensity for engaging in Security Risk Group – related activity is evaluated. This information allows the facility to better plan searches, to appropriately adjust inmate housing and work assignments to avoid potentially violent situations.



As seen in the following numbers listed, a total of 119 gang members entered the Ulster County Jail in FY'06. All of these gang members have been positively identified by Members of the Gang Intelligence unit and have had all of their personal information and gang affiliations documented and stored for further use.

Categories

Bloods	67	Latin Kings	6
Crips	34	MS-13	0
Netas	0	Mad Drama	0
White Supremacist	0	(Purple City Kingdom)	
Jamaican Posse	3	Los Trinitarios	0
Pagans MC	0	Satan Soldiers MC	0
Aryan Brotherhood	3	Five Percenters	2
Aryan Army	1	Power Kingdom	1
Sureno	1	Partner N Crime (PNC)	1

Total Confirmed Gang Members for the year 2006: 119

SHERIFF'S EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM

The Sheriff's Emergency Response Team (SERT) was established in 1990. The team started with 8 officers, and today consists of 23 specialized trained staff. Throughout the team's tenure, they have participated in numerous high risk, high security transports and trials. One of their main functions is to conduct institutional shakedowns on a regular basis. SERT is now actively working in the facility on a daily basis. SERT members are

assigned to handle institutional problems, escort inmates to and from housing units and are prepared at a moments notice to quell problems before they escalate. From time to time SERT is called upon to handle crowd/riot control for requesting agencies.



SERT members training in the new Law Enforcement Facility

K-9 Unit

The K-9 Teams have again been a valuable asset to the facility operations of the Ulster County Jail. They have shared information with the Gang Intelligence Unit from their pro-active security in visits. With the combined efforts of the K-9 teams and the Sheriff's Road Patrol, numerous arrests were made for both inmates and visitors. Over 2,200 manpower hours were logged using the K-9 teams.

Both K-9 Teams are involved in shake-downs, walk-thrus, car searches, performing perimeter checks, common rounds, and road blocks among their daily routines.

Road Blocks, in conjunction with the Ulster County Sheriff's Patrol, have resulted in nearly 100 tickets being issued for V & T violations. Approximately 20 cars have been towed for suspended registration or inspection.

Sadly, after eleven years of dedicated and loyal years of service to this department, Buddy died in April 2007. He was replaced by Junior and assigned to K-9 handler Sammy Fisco. They continue to participate in community service by going to schools, scouts, and libraries to perform drug prevention demonstrations for the children of Ulster County. They have been seen in numerous parades, perform for the elderly in senior citizen residences and are involved in the Toys for Tots drives.

“Brok” and his handler Dwain Caunitz received additional certificates; Police Narcotics Dog and Southern Tier Police Canine Association Inc. Police K-9 advanced and Tactics Seminar. “Brok” has also been involved in community service by going to Mt. Marion Carnival, the Boys Scouts, and Toys for Tots, Relay for Life and is in attendance at funeral details. “Brok” searches people for any narcotics in visits and shake-downs or walk-thrus. They are also present for road blocks with the Road Patrol.



Left: K-9 Officer Sammy Fisco and Junior Right: K-9 Officer Dwayne Caunitz and Brok

TRANSPORTATION STATISTICS

Transport activity remained steady in all categories. Transporting officers must be thoroughly trained and provided with the equipment necessary to accomplish their task with efficiency and safety. Officers selected for this unit must exhibit the highest degree of mental, emotional and physical capabilities to successfully transport inmates. When transporting inmates for court appearances, the transporting officer must be alert to all conditions and potential hazards which surround the movement of the inmates to and from court. Specialized equipment and vehicles may be utilized for high-profile inmates, high risk inmates or those with special medical and mental conditions.



Officers Joseph Martini and William Graham on transportation details.

CATEGORY	2004	2005	2006
Number of Officer Hours	19,040	19,253	21,500
Number of Officers Utilized	5,438	5,744	6,039
Number of Inmates Transported	7,506	7,941	7,204
Total Miles	217,907	231,613	197,861
Local Courts Transports	2,033	1,659	1,609
State Transports	56	112	96
Medical Transports	460	275	189
Psych. Transports	15	13	10
Work Detail	318	312	305
Other *	720	1,004	1,304
Board – Outs		413	323
Total Trips	3,602	3,788	3,836

* Includes trips to H/Q, warehouse, correction assistant errands, UCLEC security.

SUPPORT SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

Food Services

Food services for the Ulster County Jail and the Community Corrections Program are provided by ARAMARK Correctional Services. Ulster County Jail maintains 2 full time cooks, while ARAMARK employs a Food Service Manager, Commissary clerk, and

several other kitchen workers. The facility cooks prepared and served 322,645 meals to inmates, C.C.P. clients and Corrections staff.

Commissary

ARAMARK is responsible for all purchases by inmates through commissary. Profits generated from the sale of commissary goods offset the cost of the games, recreation equipment, television sets, and cablevision. There is no financial impact on Ulster County taxpayers for any of the above items purchased for inmate use in accordance with the New York State Minimum Standards. The FY'06 gross proceeds from inmate commissary were \$42,745, a slight decrease from last year.

Inmate Telephones

The long distance carrier for inmate telephones continues to be GTL while the local carrier is Verizon. All calls originating from the facility are made collect. The Department received \$ 117,421 in commissions generated from all telephone calls made by the inmate population under the current contract. This revenue is budgeted to offset county budget lines such as police equipment, correction vehicles, training and conferences.

Mental Health Services

Correctional Medical Care Inc. (C.M.C.) contractually provides forensic services to the Ulster County Jail. Under the contract with CMC, the Psychiatrist provides 16 hours of service per week. In addition, the psychiatrist is part of a group of doctors that are on call 24 hours a day. This is an invaluable tool to the correction facility as inmates can be in crisis at anytime. C.M.C. also provides a forensic manager 40 hours per week

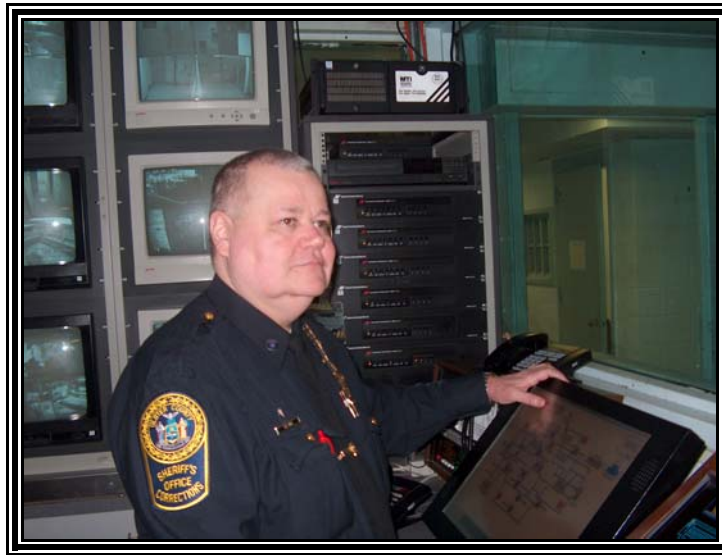
We continue to have constant supervisions which are monitored closely tying up valuable staff hours as well as housing space. The number of inmates placed on constant watch was 90, amounting to 365 total days representing a slight increase in 2006.

Medical Services

2006 was the forth full year of medical services provided by Correctional Medical Care Inc (C.M.C.). The number of new inmate screenings increased to 2,245 this year and 4,449 inmate visits were made to nurse sick call. Also, 1,312 inmate visits were made to the physician and dentist. This year, medical asked for and received re-certification on their accreditation by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. This involved a full on site audit by representatives from the National Commission of Correction Health Care (NCCHC).

Inmate Visitation

Approximately 12,367 civilians visited inmates in requiring 8,899 separate inmate visits. Staff assigned to the visitation team has accomplished many things within the past year. The team has worked closely with supervisors and the K-9 Unit in locating contraband. They have also corroborated with the Gang Unit, passing on information gathered while speaking with inmates during visitation. The team has provided for a stronger enforcement of the inmate rules and regulations, providing a safer environment for inmates, civilians and officers. An Inmate Visits Tracker Report has also been established, illustrating the number of inmates allowed to visit at any given time; depending on the amount of civilian visitors each inmate has. Their influence and more prominent appearance has been proven to be more successful than in the past, providing effective supervision and control to the inmates with a less hectic visitation environment.



Officer Steve Hill in Central Control

Additionally, a clear and concise picture of the amount of contraband coming into the facility is represented. A total of 11 arrests in visits were made for the year. The arrests ranged from disorderly conduct, possession of a controlled substance to assault on a peace officer. The team has been able to document when illegal activity has occurred and the individuals guilty of such.

The visitation team has proven to be a competent, knowledgeable, dedicated group of individuals providing the safest visitation area possible. With the presence of the visitation team in affect, the amount of contraband will continue to decrease and visitation will run smoothly.

Visitation security was enhanced by the combined efforts of the Criminal and Correction Divisions. Department K-9's were added as an additional measure for preventing contraband from entering the facility by outside sources.

Inmate Work Detail

The Ulster County Jail Inmate Work Detail is starting its seventh year of service to Ulster County. Since its inception, the detail has provided 8,446 of free labor to the taxpayers of Ulster County. The detail demonstrates a partnership the Jail has with the community. All inmates are thoroughly screened through classification. Interviews are done to ensure community safety and security. This program has proven to be a learning experience for inmates. Assigned work includes painting, floor maintenance, horticulture projects, and grounds keeping for municipal and government agencies.



Educational Services

Eligible youth are entitled to receive educational services and are encouraged to become involved in the program offered by the Kingston City School District so they may obtain skills and credentials necessary to function more productively both during incarceration and after release. The (4) teachers offer various studies, including; adult and teen G.E.D. preparation studies, remedial studies, life skills, post G.E.D. review and actions for personal choice.

The G.E.D. can be administered after pre-testing for the exam. On the average, inmate students are usually serving a sentence of six months or more. The educational services also provide employment preparation education.

G.E.D. statistics for 2006: (Class time is based on 6 hours per day, 215 days per year).

<u>I.Y.P. (Minors under the age of 21)</u>		<u>ADULTS</u>	
490	Admissions	123	Enrolled in class
90	Enrolled in class	29	Took the test
14	Took the test	26	Passed the test
11	Passed the test		

Rehabilitation

With the reorganization of inmate programs and resources available to the inmate population, we are now able to provide a sufficient number of programs to meet the needs of the growing inmate population.

Volunteer Registry- The volunteer registry program continues to be a very successful program in the identification of volunteers visiting the facility. Applications are kept on file and reviewed yearly for all volunteers.

Law Library- The Law library is updated on a regular basis. On a routine schedule, law materials that are outdated are replaced with the appropriate updates as per the N.Y.S. minimum standards. The computer C.D. law editions are also replaced as updates are received.

Programs - Long standing programs continued their services this year. Alcoholics Anonymous, Narcotic Anonymous, anger management and Religious services of several different faiths were routinely attended. Ulster Literacy teaching the fundamentals of reading and writing, has been a welcome addition and has seen good participation. With the anticipated move to the Ulster County Law Enforcement Center next year, we look to expand our volunteer services.

TRAINING & AWARDS

Training

There are a total of 22 certified BMP instructors within the Ulster County Correction Division. In addition to all being General Topic Instructors many are certified in specialized Train the Trainer topics such as Legal Issues, Firearms, Chemical Agents and Effective Communication etc.

To satisfy the requirements of the NYS Sheriff's Association all staff members are required to receive 21 hours of in-service training. In addition all Supervisors are required to receive an additional 21 hours of managerial training annually.

Range Master Officer Chris Howe



Sergeant Eddie Torres and Correction Officer George Hill certified 190 county employees in the use of AED's. Classes were conducted at the County Transportation Facility on Golden Hill and at the Ulster Hose Fire House on Albany Avenue.

Overall the Training Unit provided 18,553 hours of training to the Correction Division and other county employees in 2006.



Correction Officer Ryan Petit
Correction Officer Robert Goff



Awards

Employee of the Year

Correction Officer Jeffrey Breithaupt
Deputy Thomas Lattin

The Officer of the Quarter program was initiated to recognize officers of the department for their role as correction professionals in the overall operation of the facility and their contribution to the local criminal justice system.

The 2006 Officers of the Quarter were:

Correction Officer William Paulding
Correction Officer Dennis Roudis
Correction Officer Ronald Gulick
Correction Officer Linda Graham

The Sheriff annually recognizes members of the Corrections, Criminal and Civil Divisions for outstanding service and achievements accomplished during the previous year. The 2006 Awards Dinner was held on Thursday, May 4th at the La Mirage Restaurant in Port Ewen. The following awards were presented:

Meritorious Service

Dep. Glenn Buchinger (2)
Dep. Dirk Budd (2)
P.O. Sydney Mills – VSPD
P.O. Shawn McDermott – KPD
S/A Peter LoBianco – DEA

Life Saving

Dep. Joseph Steyer
Dep. Michael Rell
Dep. Darren Bondar
Dep. George Goodwin
Dep. Abram Markiewicz
Dep. James Tiano

Excellent Duty

C.O. Clifford Bell
C.O. Matthew Bogert
C.O. Dwain Caunitz
C.O. Saverio Fisco
C.O. Brian Lyons
C.O. Amy O'Bryan
C.O. Tracy Patterson
C.O. Jeffrey Breithaupt
C.O. Vincent Decker
Dep. Thomas Lattin
Dep. Kevin Richards
Dep. Jeffrey Geskie
Inv. Douglas Neiderkorn – DCSO
C.O. Hyland Winnie

Dep. Donald Hughes
Sgt. Thomas O'Connell

C.O. Paul Juliano
Sgt. Kerry Winters

Letters of Recognition

C.O. Thomas Nollner (2)
C.O. Tyrone Brodhead
C.O. Norman James

Employees of the Year

C.O. Jeffrey Breithaupt – Corr. Div.
Dep. Thomas Lattin – Criminal Div.

Department Certificate of Appreciation

Bruderhof Communities of NY

ULSTER COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT FACILITY

During the last year, construction continued on the new UCLEC. As 2006 ended, the status of the project was listed as 98% completed. The county took over the construction management phase of the project in May of 2006. Shortly thereafter the Sheriff's Office, Patrol Division and Administrative divisions relocated to the new Law Enforcement Center on July 17th. The remainder of the year was dedicated to preparing for the occupancy of the detention side of the building in early 2007.

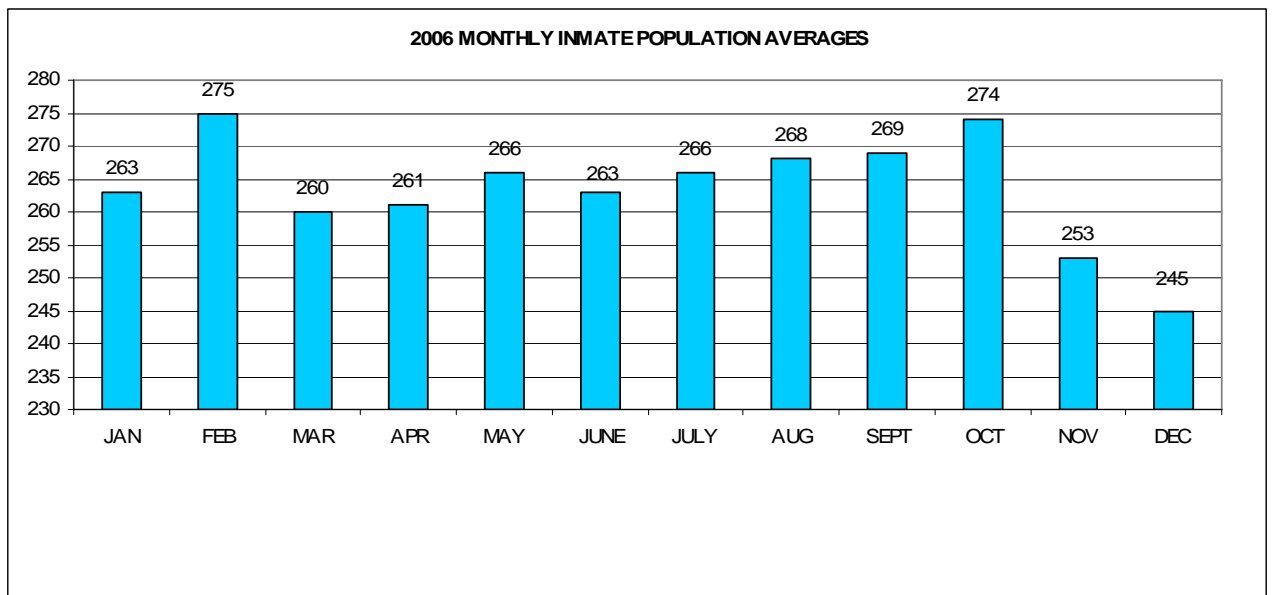




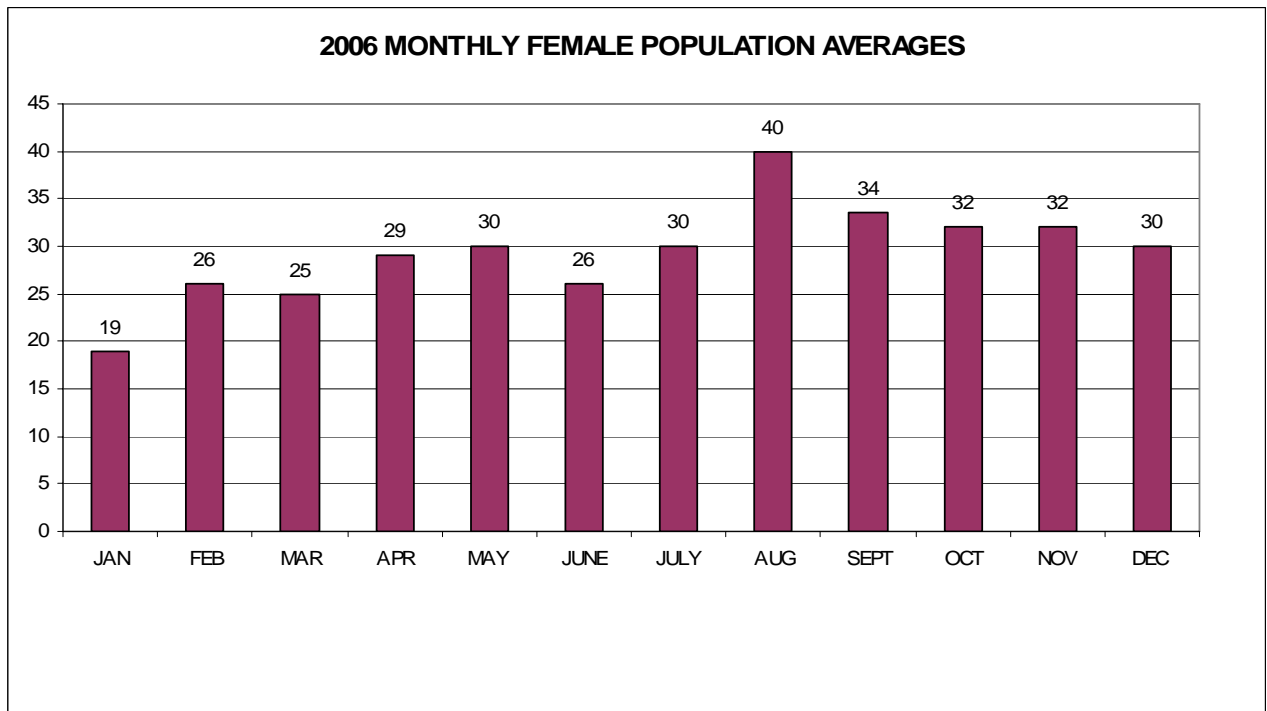
The Transition Team worked towards preparing for the actual transition and taking ownership of the new facility. The transition team supported and participated in the training directly related to running a direct supervision facility. Increased effort shifted towards rewriting the policy and procedures and developing a moving plan. The NYS Commission of Corrections is still monitoring the project.



The Transition Team met throughout 2006 with the construction manager and contractors. The Transition Team also participated in the monthly Owner Architect Construction Manager (OACM) and Legislature Jail Oversight Committee meetings where the architect and the construction manager briefed the county officials and public.



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